GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2520
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007
JOINT VENTURE TO RUN HIGH SPEED TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is looking for joint partners with various State Governments to run high speed trains on selected routes;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed scheme;

(c) whether the routes on which such high speed trains would operate has since been selected;

(d) if, so, the details, thereof:

(e) whether the Railways has requested the State Governments in this regard; and

(f) if so, the response of the States thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2520 BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA, SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH, SHRI UDAY SINGH AND DR. M. JAGANNATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING JOINT VENTURE TO RUN HIGH SPEED TRAINS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the Budget Speech 2007-08, it was inter-alia announced " we have decided to conduct pre-feasibilitystudies for construction of high speed passenger corridors, equipped with state of the art signaling and train control systems, for running high speed trains at speeds of 300 to 350 kms per hour; one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country." For this purpose, various State Governments wereapproached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibilitystudies. Action will be taken to conduct pre-feasibility studies after consultation with State Governments.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. Routes would be decided after consultations with the concerned State Governments.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have agreed 'in principle' to participate in anypre-feasibility studies.